

Let the record show that I am enormously proud that a soldier from my District has played such a heroic and vital role in what will ultimately be the liberation of the people of Iraq from the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein. The world will be a much safer place because of the efforts of Col. Perkins and other fine men and women who risk their own lives on our behalf.

HONORING PRIVATE BRANDON  
ULYSSES SLOAN

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I rise to honor an American hero, Brandon Ulysses Sloan, who lost his life during the conflict with Iraq. Private Brandon Ulysses Sloan was a native of Cleveland and a member of the 507th Maintenance Company of the United States Army. He was born on October 7, 1983, in Cleveland, Ohio to the union of Tandy U. and Kimberly T. Sloan.

Brandon Sloan exhibited a unique blend of personality and strength. A loving child, Brandon always played and enjoyed spending time with other children. Brandon later became a big brother to his sister Brittany, with whom he shared a close friendship.

Brandon began his education in the East Cleveland School District, and remained in the district until the family moved to Euclid, Ohio. While in the East Cleveland Schools, he developed a love for basketball and continued in various athletic pursuits.

During the formative years, the family enjoyed many happy times together. Brandon in particular enjoyed playing basketball and developed a knack for making good friends.

In 1996, the family moved to Oakwood Village, Ohio in the Bedford School District. There, Brandon became a Bedford "Bearcat", participating in high school football as a defensive lineman.

Brandon confessed a hope in Christ during his high school years and was baptized at The Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church.

Later he decided to pursue a military career. He joined the United States Army to serve his country. After having served one year, Brandon gave his life for his country.

Precious memories are cherished by his father, Rev. Tandy U. Sloan; mother, Kimberly T. Sloan; sister, Brittney; two grandmothers, Dr. R. Pippen (James) and Luberta Sloan. He also had a host of uncles, aunts and cousins. His friends are numerous but to name a few: Stephon, Romel, Cleo and Eddie (U.S. Marine Corps), all who mourn his loss.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District and the United States Congress. I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD H.  
HUNDERT, M.D.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Edward H. Hundert, M.D., President

of Case Western University, as he is recognized by the American Heart Association for his unwavering dedication and exceptional achievement within the Cleveland medical community—most notably, for his significant role in launching the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University.

In 1982, Dr. Hundert earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. From 1984 through 1997, Dr. Hundert served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He held positions in the departments of psychiatry and medical ethics, and also served as Associate Dean of student affairs. Dr. Hundert's groundbreaking research in the area of medical education helped define professionalism and ethics in medicine on a national level. Moreover, for six consecutive years Harvard Medical School graduates voted Dr. Hundert as the "Faculty Member Who Did the Most for His Class."

In 1997, Dr. Hundert relocated to the University of Rochester as professor of psychiatry and medical humanities, and served as Associate Dean, then Dean of the University. Dr. Hundert has served as President of Case Western Reserve University for the past year. During this time, Dr. Hundert's leadership, expertise and exceptional interpersonal abilities has created a new sense of partnership, possibility and energy within the Cleveland medical community, which is clearly reflected through the partnership between the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic and the newly created Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Edward H. Hundert, M.D., President of Case Western University, whose vision, vast experience and outstanding leadership have elevated the status of medical research, education and ethics within the Cleveland community and beyond—reinforcing the image of Cleveland as the core of medical innovation, advancement and discovery for individuals within our community, across the nation, and around the world.

HONORING THE BONFILS BLOOD  
CENTER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an organization that has been dedicated to providing life-saving care to the citizens of Colorado for sixty years. Bonfils Blood Center operates several community donor centers statewide, including one in Pueblo, Colorado. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the employees and donors of Bonfils Blood Center before this body of Congress and this nation.

Since 1943, Bonfils has been an integral part of the health care system in Colorado, and now serves more than ninety health care facilities across the state. When the centers first opened, Bonfils annually collected 1,600 units of blood; today the center collects nearly 200,000 units each year. Pueblo's Bonfils Center opened in 1990 and consistently supplies about ten percent of the blood collected each year in Colorado. In addition to their

blood supply services, Bonfils also operates the Colorado Marrow Donor Program and Laboratories at Bonfils. This vital public service is possible only with the help of innumerable donors and local organizations, the community support Bonfils relies on to continue its long record of success.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize the Bonfils Blood Center and its employees for their dedication to health care in Colorado. Hospitals and patients all over Colorado rely on Bonfils for a safe and adequate blood supply, a service Bonfils has effectively delivered for six decades. It is my distinct pleasure to honor that record of success today.

RENEWABLE ENERGY IN AMERICA

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the importance of renewable energy in America. America's energy consumption is at an all time high and rising. In order to address the imbalance between consumption and domestic production, one part of the solution is to continue the advances in research and development of renewable energy resources.

In my home state of Nevada, the sun shines more than 300 days out of the year. We are also blessed with an abundant amount of other renewable energy sources such as geothermal, wind and biomass. Nevada is a perfect laboratory for renewable energy research.

We also can boast that we have one of the top research centers in the country for renewable energy. Since the 1970's, The Desert Research Institute or DRI has been actively researching ways to put renewable resources to better use, especially for commercial use. In the past, DRI has conducted solar energy research by developing a facility where it was completely cooled and heated by solar energy.

At the present time, DRI scientists and engineers are developing a solar and wind powered system that produces hydrogen for a fuel cell with excess renewable energy so that continuous power can be provided for off-grid sites. These fuel cells also potentially would power hydrogen fuel cell cars. This technology is a cornerstone in President Bush's national energy plan.

Because the research being conducted in Nevada, it will not only have an impact in my home state, but will also impact all Americans in the long term from having a more secure and environmentally sustainable mix of energy sources.

POSTAL CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM FUNDING REFORM ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 380, the Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003. I'd like